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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

12 MICHAEL J. DESSERAULT, an  
13 individual; HOGUE RANCHES,  
14 INC., a Washington corporation; and  
15 DESSERAULT RANCH, INC., a  
16 Washington corporation,

NO. CV-09-3055-FVS

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

17 Plaintiffs,  
18 v.

19 YAKIMA CHIEF PROPERTY  
20 HOLDINGS, LLC, formerly known  
21 as Yakima Chief U.S., LLC, a  
22 Washington limited liability  
23 company; YAKIMA CHIEF U.S.  
24 LLC, Washington limited liability  
25 company; YAKIMA CHIEF, INC., a  
26 Washington corporation; MICHAEL  
27 M. SMITH, an individual; STEPHEN  
28 B. CARPENTER, an individual;  
29 CARPENTER FARMS, INC., a  
30 Washington corporation;  
31 PERRAULT & SONS, INC., a  
32 Washington corporation; STEVEN  
33 M. PERRAULT, an individual;  
34 POPLAR GROVE, LLC, a  
35 Washington limited liability  
company; SAUVE & SON FARMS,  
INC., a Washington corporation;

1 RICHARD SAUVE, an individual;  
2 VIRGIL GAMACHE FARMS, INC.,  
3 a Washington corporation, PAUL  
4 GAMACHE, an individual;  
5 SUNSHINE RANCH, LLC, a  
6 Washington limited liability  
7 company; ERNEST W. CHARVET,  
8 an individual; BRULOTTE FARMS,  
9 INC., a Washington corporation;  
10 ALLIED GROWERS, LLC, a  
11 Washington limited liability  
12 company; WM. GASSELING  
13 RANCHES, INC., a Washington  
14 corporation; B.T. LOFTUS  
15 RANCHES, INC., a Washington  
16 corporation; DOUBLE D HOP  
17 RANCH, INC., a Washington  
18 corporation; WARRIOR RANCHES,  
19 LLC, a Washington limited liability  
20 company; COLEMAN FARMS,  
21 INC., an Oregon corporation;  
RONALD BRULOTTE, an  
individual; and ROBERT  
GASSELING, an individual,

## Defendants.

This matter came on for hearing upon the Parties' Stipulation to a Protective Order to protect confidential business information and financial information of the Plaintiffs, Defendants, and Third-Parties doing business with them.

The parties stipulate as follows:

1. The Parties stipulate that a Protective Order will apply to documents, materials, and information, including, without limitation, documents produced, answers to

1 interrogatories, responses to requests for admissions, deposition testimony, and other  
2 information disclosed pursuant to the disclosure or discovery duties created by the Federal  
3 Rules of Civil Procedure, that contain private, confidential information pertaining to parties  
4 or non-parties to this action.  
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6 2. For purposes of this requested Order, the parties agree that "Document" is  
7 defined as:

8       **"Document"** includes, but is not limited to, the original as well as  
9 any copies of any agreement, appointment book, assessment,  
10 blueprint, book, brochure, business form, cable, cassette, chart, check,  
11 check stub, computer disk or index thereto, computer printout,  
12 computer program, computer tape, contract, correspondence,  
13 correspondence files, desk calendar, draft, drawing, email, estimate,  
14 graph, index, invoice, lease, ledger, letter, log book, manual, map,  
15 memorandum, message, minutes, minute book, model, notation, note,  
16 pamphlet, periodical, phone record, photograph, pleading, printout,  
17 purchase order, record, record of purchase or sale, report,  
18 reproduction, schedule, sketch, spreadsheet, statement, study,  
19 summary, survey, tape, telegram, telex, time sheet, wire, working  
20 paper, x-ray, transcription or taping of telephone or personal  
21 conversation or conference, including inter-company, intracompany,  
22 interoffice, and intra office memorandum, or other document  
23 regarding any conference, conversation, or other communication, and  
24 any and all other written, printed, typed, taped, recorded, transcribed,  
25 punched, filmed, or graphic matter, however produced or reproduced.  
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27 3. The Parties agree that information designated "CONFIDENTIAL" may  
28 include personal or private information contained in personnel files or employment records  
29 of current or former employees of Defendants who are not parties to this lawsuit; Plaintiffs'  
30 and Defendants' business records, containing, and including but not limited to, agreements  
31 and proposals with customers, customer lists, customer names, customer address, potential  
32 customers, potential customer names and potential customer address, application status  
33 records, sales and commission records, non-public pricing, merchandising, cost or financial  
34 information and records of Defendants and Plaintiffs; tax and financial information and  
35 records of Plaintiffs, Defendants, and non-parties; non-public identifying information  
regarding Plaintiffs, Defendants, non-parties, and witnesses, including Social Security

1 numbers, addresses and phone numbers; and/or trade secrets and proprietary information of  
 2 Defendants.

3       4. The Parties agree that CONFIDENTIAL information shall not, without the  
 4 consent of the party producing it, the consent of the individual whose information is at issue,  
 5 or further Order of the Court, be disclosed except that such information may be disclosed to:

6                 7 (a) attorneys actively working on this case;

7                 8 (b) persons regularly employed or associated with the attorneys actively  
 9 working on the case whose assistance is required by said attorneys in the preparation for  
 10 trial, at trial, or at other proceedings in this case;

11                 12 (c) the parties;

12                 13 (d) expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this  
 14 proceeding, to the extent such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial or other  
 15 proceedings in this case;

16                 17 (e) the Court and its employees ("Court Personnel");

18                 19 (f) stenographic reporters who are engaged in proceedings necessarily  
 20 incident to the conduct of this action;

21                 22 (g) deponents, witnesses, or potential witnesses to the extent such  
 23 disclosure is necessary to a Witness's deposition or trial testimony and preparation therefore;  
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25                 26 (h) other persons by written agreement of the parties.

27       5. ALL confidential information shall be filed with the court under seal. Prior to  
 28 disclosing any CONFIDENTIAL information to any person listed above (other than counsel,  
 29 persons employed by counsel, the parties, Court Personnel and stenographic reporters), the  
 30 parties agree that counsel shall provide such person with a copy of the Protective Order and  
 31 obtain from such person a written acknowledgment stating that he or she has read the  
 32 Protective Order and agrees to be bound by its provisions. The acknowledgment shall state,  
 33 "I acknowledge that I have read the Protective Order in *Michael J. Desserault, et al v.*  
 34 *Yakima Chief Property Holdings, et al.* and agree to be bound by its provisions."

1       6.     The Parties agree that documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL by placing  
2 or affixing on them (in a manner that will not interfere with their legibility the term  
3 "CONFIDENTIAL") will be deemed CONFIDENTIAL under this order. Additionally, the  
4 Parties agree that all tax, income, accounting and any financial records of a party shall be  
5 deemed CONFIDENTIAL even without a specific designation. Additionally, the parties  
6 agree that the Group Supply Agreement Framework Contract and documents related to it that  
7 have already been produced are CONFIDENTIAL.  
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9       7.     The Parties agree that whenever an exhibit to a deposition involves the  
10 disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL information, the deposition exhibit or portions thereof shall  
11 be designated as CONFIDENTIAL and shall be subject to the provisions of the Protective  
12 Order. The Parties further agree that such designation shall be made on the record during the  
13 deposition.  
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15       8.     All Parties agree that a party may object to the designation of particular  
16 CONFIDENTIAL information by giving written notice to the party designating the disputed  
17 information, and that the written notice shall identify the information to which the objection  
18 is made. If the Parties cannot resolve the objection within thirty (30) business days after the  
19 time the notice is received, it shall be the obligation of the party designating the information  
20 as CONFIDENTIAL to file an appropriate motion requesting that the Court determine  
21 whether the disputed information should be subject to the terms of the Protective Order. If  
22 such a motion is timely filed, the disputed information shall be treated as CONFIDENTIAL  
23 under the terms of the Protective Order until the Court rules on the motion. If the  
24 designating party fails to file such a motion within the prescribed time, the disputed  
25 information shall lose its designation as CONFIDENTIAL and shall not thereafter be treated  
26 as CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the Protective Order. In connection with a motion  
27 filed under this provision, the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL shall  
28 bear the burden of establishing that good cause exists for the disputed information to be  
29 treated as CONFIDENTIAL.  
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9. The Parties agree that any document or information designated as CONFIDENTIAL will not be used in any manner whatsoever, other than as is necessary for the prosecution and/or defense of this litigation. The parties agree that any use of CONFIDENTIAL information other than for purposes of this litigation is prohibited and shall be subject to sanctions by this court.

10. At the conclusion of this case, unless other arrangements are agreed upon, the Parties agree that each document and all copies thereof which have been designated as CONFIDENTIAL shall be returned to the party that designated it CONFIDENTIAL, provided that party makes a request within 30 days of the conclusion of the case. If no request is made, or if the parties agree, all confidential documents will be destroyed or the parties may elect to destroy CONFIDENTIAL documents. Where the Parties agree to destroy CONFIDENTIAL documents, the destroying party shall provide all parties with a letter confirming the destruction.

11. The Parties understand that the Court may modify such Protective Order at any time for good cause shown following notice to all parties and an opportunity for them to be heard.

Based on the above Stipulation, it is hereby ORDERED:

A Protective Order is hereby entered as set forth above.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2009.

*s/ Fred Van Sickle*  
Senior United States District Judge

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2 Stipulated to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2009.  
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